

Abu Mubarak Pte Ltd fined \$4,700 for multiple food safety lapses

Abu Mubarak Pte Ltd was fined \$4,700 by the Court today for food safety lapses committed under the Environmental Public Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations.

2 In April 2023, the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Singapore Food Agency (SFA) received reports of gastroenteritis involving 12 persons after consuming food provided by the food establishment located at 300 Tampines Avenue 5 #01-01A, Singapore 529653. Two were hospitalised and subsequently discharged.

3 MOH and SFA conducted a joint investigation at the licensee's premises and found multiple food safety lapses. They include cockroach infestation at the food preparation area and possession of unclean food for sale.



Cockroach infestation found underneath the hand washing sink (left) and chiller motor compartment (right) in the kitchen (Photos: SFA)

4 Food safety is a joint responsibility as food can be contaminated anywhere along the food chain. While SFA continues to be vigilant and works to ensure regulatory measures are in place and properly enforced, the industry and consumers must also play their part.

5 All food operators should ensure their premises are clean and well maintained, as well as adhere to proper food hygiene and food safety requirements. SFA will not hesitate to take enforcement action against food operators found to be in violation of the Environmental Public Health Act. Offenders are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$100 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

6 Members of the public who come across poor hygiene practices or illegal activities in food establishments are advised not to patronise them and provide feedback via our online feedback form (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) with details for our follow-up investigations.

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